

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A network game terminal unit having a communication tool enabling an IP telephone, wherein a voice receiving section of the terminal unit comprises:

a game communicating section for sending and receiving program signals for controlling a network game;

a game control section for controlling ~~a participant IP managing section, a sorting section, and a synthesizing section~~ each described hereinafter the network game based on the program signals;

a participant IP managing section for managing IP addresses of participants in a the game being provided, said participant IP managing section being controlled by the game control section online;

a network receiving section for receiving a plurality of incoming signals of telephone message data;

a sorting section for determining whether the received telephone message data includes a prespecified IP address or not, and sending a plurality of the incoming signals of the telephone message data sequentially, said sorting section being controlled by the game control section ~~to an extending section described hereinafter;~~

~~an a plurality of extending section for~~ sections corresponding to the incoming signals, said plurality of extending sections receiving the plurality of the incoming signals from the sorting section and restoring the transmitted telephone message data;

a synthesizing section for synthesizing the plurality of the incoming signals of the restored telephone message data in the time-series mode, said synthesizing section being controlled by the game control section;

a D/A converting section for converting a digital signal in the synthesized telephone message data to an analog signal; and

a microphone/speaker I/F section as a connecting section to the communication tool.

4. (Original) The network game terminal unit according to claim 3, wherein the network receiving section receives musical sound data for the network game together with the telephone message data.

5. (Currently amended) The network game terminal unit according to claim 4, wherein the voice receiving section in the terminal unit further comprises an in-coming call transmitting section for sending ~~a~~ an in-coming call dial tone previously accumulated therein to the synthesizing section in response to an instruction from the sorting section.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) The network game terminal unit according to claim 5, wherein when the sorting section determines that the received telephone message data does not include the prespecified IP address, the telephone message data is aborted or an instruction for transmission of a dial tone to the in-coming call transmitting section.